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GRAPEFRUIT EXPORTS AND THE BRITISH MARKET

Grapefruit exports from the United States for the first three months of the present season (October-December) totaled 202,000 boxes compared with 195,000 in the same period in 1928-29 and 215,000 in 1927-28. Shipments to the United Kingdom have been running behind last season but exports to Canada and Continental Europe have been larger. A significant feature of the present grapefruit export season has been the inauguration of direct shipments from Porto Rico to Great Britain. During the months of October to December about 30,000 boxes of grapefruit were exported directly from Porto Rico, mostly to the British market. In the past all Porto Rican grapefruit going to Europe was shipped by way of New York. Florida grapefruit has been in limited supply on British markets thus far this season. Arizona grapefruit has been sold at the Liverpool auction during the past few weeks.

Grapefruit: Exports from the United States for the first three months of the 1927-28, 1928-29 and 1929-30 seasons

Season and month	Total	Canada	United Kingdom	Continental Europe
	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Boxes</u>
<u>1927-28</u>				
Oct	81,096	29,760	47,909	1,311
Nov	55,755	25,470	35,186	1,729
Dec	68,071	27,536	36,154	1,715
Total.....	215,922	83,766	120,251	4,755
<u>1928-29</u>				
Oct	27,512	15,324	10,586	97
Nov	87,849	30,485	54,066	1,355
Dec	80,002	28,166	47,092	1,846
Total.....	195,363	73,977	112,044	3,309
<u>1929-30</u>				
Oct	70,070	26,458	39,914	2,052
Nov	55,849	25,929	35,920	1,814
Dec	66,252	34,557	24,772	2,890
Total.....	202,171	87,044	100,606	5,756

Official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

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British grapefruit imports

Total imports of grapefruit into Great Britain for the period September 28 to January 4 amounted to the equivalent of about 197,000 boxes compared with 200,000 in the corresponding weeks of the 1928-29 season and 201,000 in the 1927-28 season. The United States (including Porto Rico) supplied only 69 per cent of the total for the present season compared with 85 per cent last season and 79 per cent in the season before last. The decrease in percentage imports from the United States is accounted for by the larger imports from Jamaica and Palestine. Grapefruit from the latter source has been of importance on British markets this season for the first time.

Prices paid for grapefruit at the Liverpool auction during January were considerably above those of the preceding two months and also above January 1929, according to quotations cabled from the London office of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Grapefruit: Prices per box on the Liverpool auction
in November, December and January 1928-29 and 1929-30

Week ended	Porto Rico		Jamaica		Florida	
	1928-29	1929-30	1928-29	1929-30	1928-29	1929-30
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Nov 6	--	4.62-5.96	4.62-5.84	4.38-5.47	5.84-6.81	4.38-4.62
13	3.89-4.56	4.26-4.74	4.14-4.99	--	4.26-5.84	--
20	--	4.01-4.38	3.28-3.71	2.68-3.41	4.87-5.11	--
27	--	3.16-3.65	2.92-3.41	2.80-3.28	3.29-4.38	--
Dec 4	--	3.16-3.65	3.04-3.28	--	3.47-4.26	--
11	--	3.16-3.65	--	--	3.16-3.83	--
18	--	3.53-4.14	--	--	2.92-3.41	--
30	--	3.41-4.14	1.95-2.07	--	2.68-3.16	--
Jan 8	--	6.08-6.33	2.07-2.19	6.81-7.30	2.43-2.92	--
15	--	--	2.68-2.92	--	3.16-3.65	--
22	--	4.38-6.09	--	5.11-5.35	3.41-3.89	--
29	4.01	4.87-5.47	--	4.87-5.50	3.71-4.26	6.33-6.09

Cabled from London Office of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Note: Arizona grapefruit was quoted on January 15 at \$7.30 to \$7.54 per box, January 22 at around \$7.30 and January 29 at \$5.72 to \$6.08.

British orange market depressed

Prices paid for oranges in Liverpool and London have been very low this season because of the large supplies of low grade immature Spanish fruit on these markets. Prices have been as low as \$1.58 to \$2.19 per one-half case of 110 pounds. This would be equivalent to \$1.00 to \$1.40 on a 70 pound basis. The arrivals of oranges in November and December into the United Kingdom amounted to 3,000,000 boxes (70 pound basis) as compared with 2,500,000 last year and 3,150,000 the year previous. Spanish imports accounted for over 80 per cent of these on the average with Palestine supplying around 10 per cent and Italy and the United States most of the remainder.